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is not even a guideline so I am offering this amendment in all seriousness to return this bill and strike these two words "useful" and "or". The purpose that some of us had in voting against doing away with Final Reading is being shown here this morning. I admit it that there are bills that get past me. Until I read it on Final Reading, there are things I may not be aware of. This shows the validity of reading bills, and no matter how many of us may have let it slip by before, Final Reading could be like the senatorial saucer on which we pour the hot cup of coffee legislation to let it cool before we consume it. Then we don't get burned. So consider for a moment, eminent domain, not just in Omaha, but in all areas of the state with all agencies that have the power to exercise it and see if you would accept a restriction which is a nonrestriction in your area on eminent domain which is put into this bill by the use of the word "useful". I think it is too loose. I think it ought to be stricken, and to not do so would be irresponsible. So if I refrain from making the motion, I would be irresponsible. Senator George's committee may have done a lot of work. There may have been a lot of debate on General File, Select and everywhere else, but now that the matter has come to my attention, I have to take issue with it at this point and Final Reading is a legitimate part of the process. That is my motion and I am making it in all seriousness, and I will not withdraw it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol and then Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I certainly think that that is too broad a term, "useful". Almost anything could be determined to be useful. Put yourself in the place of a person who owns some property and a governmental entity comes to you and says we have something useful to use your property for. I just think it is entirely too broad and I strongly support Senator Chambers' motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I never really realized that there was such a tremendous similarity between Senator Chambers and Senator Venditte, but if you really look at the few times that they have appeared here when we do the teamwork, when we battle about bills on General File and both are absent. Well, I think Senator Venditte, the only difference is he is in Omaha and Senator Chambers is in his office working for the next TV grandstand